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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL'S VIEWS ON HAVANA NON-ALIGNED
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YUGOSLAV MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CHIEF YASIC MADE
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO MISOFF JUNE 7 ON THE RECENTLY
CONCLUDED HAVANA MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING
BUREAU:

- (A) CUBA IN AFRICA

- YASIC REAFFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO ATTEMPT
AT HAVANA TO CRITICIZE THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA. A
PRIMARY REASON FOR THIS, HE SAID, WAS GROWING CONCERN IN
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THE NAM OVER FRENCH PRESENCE IN AFRICA. ANY EFFORT TO
CRITICIZE THE CUBANS AT HAVANA WOULD HAVE BROUGHT AN
IMMEDIATE COUNTER-ATTACK REGARDING THE FRENCH. THE ISSUE
WOULD HAVE BECOME IMPOSSIBLY DIVISIVE. YASIC ADDED THAT
THE ISSUE MAY STILL COME UP AT THE BELGRADE JULY PLENARY
MEETING, POSSIBLE AT SOMALI BEHEST.

- (B) MIDDLE EAST

- YASIC SAID THAT THE EGYPTIANS AT HAVANA HAD HAD ONLY ONE AIM: TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS DIRECT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIS INITIATIVE. IN MANY WAYS, YASIC CONTINUED, THE EXTREME LANGUAGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF THE HAVANA COMMUNIQUE ESPECIALLY THAT DIRECTED AT THE UNITED STATES, WAS THE PRICE THAT EGYPT AND EGYPT'S SUPPORTERS AGREED TO PAY IN ORDER TO AVOID EVEN MORE DIVISIVE LANGUAGE ON SADAT. THUS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, HAD IN FACT BEEN A "COMPROMISE". OTHER NAM STATES, YASIC SAID, HAD CONSIDERED IT SUCH A RELIEF THAT THE BITTERLY DIVIDED ARABS HAD FINALLY AGREED ON SOMETHING AT HAVANA THAT NO ONE HAD DARED TAMPER WITH THE RESULT.

- (C) OBSERVERS

- YASIC SAID THAT AN IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL POINT WHICH HAD TO BE SETTLED AT THE BELGRADE MEETING WAS THE ROLE OF OBSERVERS AT NAM BUREAU MEETINGS. AT HAVANA THE CUBANS HAD RULED THAT OBSERVER DELEGATIONS (NAM MEMBERS NOT MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU) COULD NOT PRESENT THEIR OWN INITIATIVES AND WERE LIMITED IN THE NUMBER OF TIMES THEY COULD SPEAK ON AN ITEM. AT HAVANA THIS RULING HAD WORKED MOSTLY AGAINST THE INTEREST OF "MODERATE" STATES LIKE EGYPT, MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA (A RESULT WHICH YASIC CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID WAS MORE "COINCIDENCE" THAN DESIGN). NONETHELESS, YASIC SAID, INDIA HAD AGREED AT HAVANA WITH THE CUBAN RULING ON OBSERVER PARTICIPATION. YUGOSLAVIA HAD STRONGLY DISAGREED, URGING THAT ANY NAM STATE AT A BUREAU MEETING SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO IT. YOUNG

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